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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, US, BY

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. BURUNDI GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED RADIO HAS CARRIED ONLY BRIEFEST MENTION OF PANMUNJOM INCIDENT.

2. JUST ISSUED GOVERNMENT BULLETIN, FLASH-INFOR, CARRIES AUGUST 24 PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM DAL KOUK ON INCIDENT. AMBASSADOR KIM STATED THAT TENSION ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAD BEEN INCREASING SINCE AUGUST 18, THAT THERE WAS A GENERAL MOBILIZATION ON BOTH SIDES, AND THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT. HE CLAIMED THAT THE TENSION HAD BEEN CAUSED AS A RESULT OF ROME TREES PLANTED IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE SOME TIME AGO BY THE NORTH KOREANS. THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT, HE STATED, IN WHICH 5 NORTH KOREANS HAD BEEN INJURED, HAD BEEN PROVOKED BY THE SOUTH KOREANS WHO WERE TRYING TO CUT DOWN THE TREES. HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT K OW HOW MANY VICTIMS THERE HAD BEEN ON THE "ENEMY'S SIDE". HE THEN EMPHASIZED THAT NORTH KOREA HAD NOT PROVOKED THE INCIDENT BUT THAT IT WOULD NEVER PARDON THE PROVOCATION. HE MADE NO MENTION OF THEHO.S. IN THIS PRESS ACCOUNT.

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3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HEARD ANY VIEWS OF INCIDENT BY BURUNDI

OFFICIALS BUT HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL NOT,
AS USUAL, ACCEPT WITHOUT QUESTION THE NORTH KOREAN VERSION.
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